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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/695,065; Filed: October 25, 2000  
For: **Methods of Manipulating and Sequencing Nucleic Acid  
Molecules Using Transposition and Recombination**  
Inventors: Brasch *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.5000001/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. 84 pages of Form PTO-1449 citing 320 documents;
3. A copy of each of the 320 cited documents; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are

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necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Information Disclosure Statement**

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each document is provided herewith.

The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Nos.

09/177,387, filed October 23, 1998,  
09/233,492, filed January 20, 1999,  
09/296,280, filed April 22, 1999,  
09/296,281, filed April 22, 1999,  
09/438,358, filed November 12, 1999,  
09/517,466, filed March 2, 2000,  
09/518,188, filed March 2, 2000, and  
09/732,914, filed December 11, 2000,

which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents, Document Nos. AP4 and AM5, cited on Form PTO-1449.

Document No. AP4, WIPO/PCT Publication No. WO 98/53056, is in the German language. The relevance of this document may be ascertained by reference to the English language abstract appearing on the face page of this reference, and to the unverified English language abstract (from Derwent WPI) cited as Document No. AR84 on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Document No. AM5, WIPO/PCT Publication No. WO 99/25851, is in the Japanese language. The relevance of this document may be ascertained by reference to the English language abstract appearing on the face page of this reference, and to the unverified English language abstract (from Derwent WPI) cited as Document No. AS84 on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application (CPA), OR within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.491 in an international application, OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits OR before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. No statement or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.

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